varies according to the intensity and degree of sophistication of the techniques used. This varies from basin to basin and area to area depending upon the subsurface geology and logistic of the area. Averaging of such exploration costs over a region would therefore be meaningless.

Monitoring of Kendriya Vidyalayas

664. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what system has been adopted by Government to monitor the working of Kendriya Vidyalayas in different parts of the country;

(b) what are the details of technical education being provided in these Vidyalayas ; and

(c) whether there is any plan to remove religious aspect of the syllabus at the primary and higher levels of education?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAJMANGAL PANDE): (a) Monitoring of working of Kendriya Vidyalayas in different parts of the country is done by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangahan through Regional Offices by regular inspections.

(b) Technical education is not a subject in Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(c) There are no such contents which need to be removed.

Tehri Dam

565. SHRI KRISHANA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that renowned seismologist Dr. James N. Brune of Nevada University has not only questioned the clearance given to the Tehri Dam but has also opined that the site is most prone to earthquakes and has suggested certain changes in its design;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI BABANRAO DHAKNE): (a) and (b) Prof. James N. Brune of the University of Nevada, USA, in a letter, addressed to one of the Members of the High Level Committee of Experts, constituted by the Government on the issue of safety of Tehri Dam, questioned the basis of calculation of Peak Ground Acceleration adopted for the Tehri Dam, which would necessitate changes in the design of the Project.

(c) The views expressed by Prof. J. N. Brune were referred by the Government to the High Level Committee of Experts. The Committee, after detailed deliberations and consideration of the comments of Prof. Brune, was of the opinion that the conclusions and recommendations arrived at earlier certifying the safety of the Tehri Dam, did not call for any medification. As one of the members of the Committee did not agree with the majority conclusion, the opinion of an eminent Expert Seismologist was obtained. He has confirmed the findings of the High Level Committees of Experts and opined that the design of Tehri Dam as adopted is quite safe against the strongest earthquake in the region.

Scheme for distribution of LPG through pipelines in Agartala

566. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a scheme submitted by Tripura Government for the distribution of LPG through pipelines in the Municipal area of Agartala town;

(b) if so, whether necessary approval has been given to this Scheme;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) and (b) Supply of LPG through pipelines is not feasible. However, natural gas can be supplied through pipelines as domestic fuel. A commitment of 1 MMSCMD of natural gas has already been made for supply to Agartala town.

(c) Does not arise.

Working of the Dental Wing of Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi

567. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) when the Dental Wing of Maulana Azad Medical College, New Delhi was established;

(b) whether any critical analysis of its working has been made by Government;

(c) if so, what are the deficiencies/shortcomings identified in its working;

(d) what remedical measures are contemplated by Government to improve the working of the wing; and

(e) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to inquire into the working of this Wing?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI DASAI CHOWDHARY): (a) The Dental Wing of the Maulana Azad Medical College was started in the year 1983.

(b) to (e) The Delhi Administration have intimated that in the light of a preliminary enquiry into the accounts of the Dental Wing of the Maulana Azad Medical College a detailed enquiry by a specialized agency was instituted. A special audit by the Finance Department of the Delhi Administration is in progress.

डीजल, पेट्रोल और रसोई गैस का आयात

568. श्री रूपसी रंजन साहू : क्या पैट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान डीजल, पेट्रोल और रसोई गैस के आयात पर प्रति वर्ष कुल कितनी-कितनी राशि व्यय की गई ?

पैट्रोलियम और रसायन तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय) : 1987-88, 1988-89 और 1989-90 के वर्षों के दौरान एल०पी०जी०, पेट्रोल और एच०एस०डी० के आयात पर व्यय की गई राशि निम्न प्रकार से है:—

(मूल्य करोड़ रुपए में)

वर्ष	एल०पी०जी०	पेट्रोल	डीजल
1987-88	44.98	3.57	297.57
1988-89	70.26	—	538.67
1989-90	98.07	—	964.42